

INFORMATION PAPER

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SUBJECT: FAO In-Country Training Program-Zimbabwe

1. Purpose. To provide a summary of the FAO in-country training program and facilities available in Zimbabwe to assist in preparation of replacement personnel. Projected in-country trainees should use the information provided to contact incumbent trainees and/or FAO supervisor as early as possible for more detailed information.

2. Facts.

a. Summary of Program:

(1) Tour Length - 12 months

(2) Normal Arrival/Departure Dates - July to July of the following year.

(3) Program Description - FAO trainee attends Term 3 of Zimbabwe National Army Command and Staff Course in Harare from late Aug to late Nov. Instruction concentrates on UN Peacekeeping and Low Intensity Conflict. Presentations are in English, however, social conversation is in both English and Shona. During the course, the FAO is responsible for presenting a 30-minute United States information brief. It is recommended that any audio and visual aids pertaining to the United States be brought with the FAO. Regional travel is normally done after CSC. Perform duties as an intern in the Defense Attaché Office.

(4) Prerequisites CPT or MAJ, Branch immaterial.

(5) Language Instruction Availability: Shona classes are offered at the University of Zimbabwe or from private tutors. Additionally, the FAO library has Shona Language books and audiotapes. French language instruction is available through the local Alliance Francaise.

b. Property:

(1) Government:

(a) Vehicle: The current FAO vehicle is a 1994 Toyota Landcruiser. The vehicle is Government property use in support of regional travel. It is for official use only. It is *not* a substitute for personal transportation.

(b) Furniture: The FAO residence is furnished, to include major appliances (except a microwave).

(c) Office: The FAO has a Pentium 200 MHz, a HP Deskjet 952c Printer and Microsoft Office Software Package.

c. Personal:

(a) POV: The FAO is authorized shipment of one POV. Normal shipping time is three-five months, so ship early. It may be more practical to arrive with sufficient personal funds to purchase a used vehicle in Harare to use during the 12-month FAO tour. If the FAO does ship a POV, any make can be serviced in Harare, though parts may be difficult to find and at times will have to be ordered from other countries. Unleaded and Diesel gasoline is available throughout Harare and in almost every major city around the country. USAA does not insure vehicles in Zimbabwe, but the Embassy GSO can assist you in obtaining third-party insurance.

(b) Household Goods. FAOs are normally authorized partial JFTR, since furnishings and major appliances are provided. The FAO should bring only personal items, clothing, decorative items such as wall hangings, kitchen and gardening supplies, and entertainment items, such as computers, stereos, and televisions. The incoming FAO should contact the resident FAO for recommended items to bring as accompanied and unaccompanied baggage.

d. Housing: FAO house is currently a fully furnished 4-bedroom house with FAO office, garage, separate LR, DR and pool. It is located about 4 km from CSC and about 15 minutes from the U.S. Embassy.

e. Support Facilities:

(1) Medical: There are no U.S. military medical facilities, however, local hospitals are capable of covering most medical emergencies. Extreme emergencies can be MEDEVAC to South Africa. There is a small health unit at the embassy with a full-time nurse and part-time doctor. Local pharmacies are well stocked and the filling of prescriptions is normally not a problem. If there is a special recurring prescription need, recommend the incoming FAO contact the Embassy clinic prior to arrival to ascertain its availability on the local market.

(2) Dependent Schooling: The Harare International School is DoDDS accredited and K-11. No special education instruction is currently available.

(3) PX/Commissary – There are no PX or commissary facilities, but there are numerous supermarkets and department stores in Harare which offer a fair selection. A few wholesale facilities exist and even offer goods tax-free to embassy personnel.

(4) Recreation. The Community Liaison Office (CLO) offers information and coordinates a wide variety of activities within the local community.

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3. Additional Information.

a. Entry requirements (NOTE: *This information is subject to change. Recommend incoming FAOs check DoD 4500.54G, Foreign Area Clearance Guide and w/sponsor NLT 90 days before PCS*). FAOs and family members require Official (maroon) passports. Visas are not required. Health/ immunization requirements: none, but FAOs and their family members, should ensure their vaccinations are up to date for regional travel before they arrive in country. The following are recommended vaccinations: Yellow Fever, Typhoid, Hep A and Hep B.

b. Bring materials for completion of CGSC and French language materials.

c. Business clothing is Embassy attire. The daily uniform for the Command and Staff Course is the Class B uniform. The Class A uniform and BDUs are also periodically required throughout the course. There are Embassy functions that require everything from "smart casual to formal". FAOs will be authorized a Civilian Clothing Allowance and should apply upon arrival on station.

d. This is an excellent ICT site for quality of life. Families should thoroughly enjoy the assignment and the ease of travel in Southern Africa. A favorable current exchange rate makes living here very affordable.

e. Regional Travel Priorities:

Priority 1: Zimbabwe, South Africa, Nigeria, Ethiopia, Dem Rep of Congo, Kenya, and Senegal.

Priority 2: Namibia, Botswana, Zambia, Cote d' Ivoire, Cameroon,
Tanzania, Angola and/or Mozambique.

Priority 3: Uganda, Central African Rep, Ghana, Mali, Niger.

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